

SIR 51 General Membership Meeting

Our next SIR General Membership meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 starting at 11:30 a.m., for social half-hour, then at noon for lunch.

Please encourage your fellow members to come to the luncheon and speaker presentation.

SIR 51 Board Meetings

The next Board meeting will occur in-person Wednesday, August 7 at 11:00 a.m.

For more details, please contact Big SIR, Richard Jamison at email address: rsjamison@aol.com

The lists for elected 2024 officers and committee chairmen are located at the end of this newsletter.

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August Presentation for Members

Andy Danver, will speak about the future of the State SiR organization and its supportive Branches with respect to major changes and effort to bring in new, regular-age members as well as younger members to our organization.

**FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
SPEAKERS PLEASE CONTACT:**

Steve Tremulis
(650) 598-9790

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SIR 51 Website

SIR Branch 51 website provides helpful information on our activities and archives our news. Should you have inputs for our website, please contact our website master, Gerry Shebar at (650) 868-6124.

www.sirinc2.org/branch51

State SIR News

Public information about SIR organization for what we are as a social group and what we do is available on the state SIR developed website for informing and attracting the public to our branch. It is called **We Are SIR**.

www.wearesir.com

State SIR Website:

www.sirinc.org

The State SIR organization has a newsletter called **SIR Happenings**, to help SIR members know what the state officers are organizing for overall support and various activities for the local branches. See link below.

<https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>

The State SIR group provides guidance to help branches improve their members' involvement and the growth of branch membership.

Propose the winning new SIR Name and new SIR Logo and WIN BIG !!

members simply need to email an entry to me, Jim Gragg, by August 8, 2024 with the subject line reading, "Name and Logo Contest".

We have a graphic support group ready to refine the prize-winning submission, so just send me a simple sketch of an idea or, if possible, a high-definition JPEG or PNG!

At the August Board meeting, the State Board will evaluate all entries based on creativity, relevance to the SIR mission, and visual appeal. The winners will be announced at the SIRinc Annual meeting on August 27.

Spread the word around your branch, ALL Sirs are eligible to win. Get to work and send us your submissions ASAP!

Thank you,

Jim Gragg
jegragg65@gmail.com
Director, Branch Support

Craig's Current Contributions:
August 2024

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Wow! "May you live in interesting times" is a phrase so apropos for the USA in 2024. The Republican Convention is over, the Democrats will have theirs in a few weeks. The Olympic Games start on July 26 & football season is just around the corner.

After serious discussions at several State Board meetings, a day-long Board retreat, and a Branch Officers' Town Hall Meeting via Zoom on June 26, your Board has concluded that we must take ACTION to preserve the future of our organization.

We have started by adopting the new slogans "Enhance Your Lifestyle" while "Making Friends for Life." The Town Hall attendees agreed that we should consider a new name (which excludes the word 'retirement') and a new logo that will be more attractive to younger potential members. But there is so much more to do!

CLICK HERE for more information from the Town Hall

As a result, your State Board is pleased and excited to announce a contest to develop a fresh new name and logo for SIR.

To be eligible for the \$500 prize in either of the two categories (name, logo) SIR



THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

Local man addicted to brake fluid says he can stop anytime he wants;

Marriage is a relationship where one person is always right and the other person is the husband;

Working at an unemployment office has to be a tense job...knowing that, if you get fired, you still have to come in the following day;

So our dog just brought the sprinkler in through his doggy-door. How's your day going?

Ban pre-shredded cheese. Make America grate again;

I didn't think orthopedic shoes would help me, but I stand corrected.

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

The Armour of Light by the great Ken Follett

The Fifth Risk by Michael Lewis.

STUFF TO WATCH:

Receiver on Netflix. Follows the on field and off field doings of the best NFL receivers...including George Kittle & Deebo Samuel.

Owning Manhattan on Netflix & starring Ryan Serhant. The cutthroat world of real estate in NYC.

Presumed Innocent on Apple TV...starring Jake Gyllenhaal

THE 2024 OLYMPICS FROM PARIS ON NBC...July 26-August 11.

I now leave you with this interesting (sort of) tidbit...
read the vowels in "CELINE DION"

You're welcome & "well, I guess that's it".
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ACTIVITIES

GOLF



If any of you are interested in playing golf as individuals, you might want to check with the courses as to tee time availability.

For helpful information on State SIR and various Branch golf activities, contact Mark Stuart, 2023 State Golf Chair at 916 218-2287 or mss95678@hotmail.com

As for SIR Branch 51's golf information, see the SIR 51 2024 golf schedule which is available via Excel or .pdf file copies either electronically sent to you or at the SIR 51 website. Below are the dates, times, and locations for July, August and September 2024.

7/31.	Wed.	Spring Valley	10 AM
8/6.	Tues.	Los Lagos	10 AM
8/14.	Wed.	Moffett Field	10 AM
8/21	Wed.	Sunnyvale	10 AM
8/28.	Wed.	Poppy Hills	10:30 AM
9/03	Tues.	Baylands.	8:30 AM

9/11 Wed. Spring Valley 10 AM
 9/18. Wed. Crystal Springs 10 AM
 9/25. Wed. Shoreline 10:30 AM

TOTAL TOURNAMENTS: 51

Baylands	2
Crystal Springs	5
Los Lagos	7
Moffett Field	3
Poplar Creek	6
Poppy Hills	1
San Jose	6
Shoreline	6
Spring Valley	8
Sunnyvale	7

All participants must be at the course at least one hour before tee time.

Courtesy of Golf Chairman:

KAI JOHANSEN
 (650) 380-9493

Also, contact Jim Cummings, as a mutual supporter for golf news.

JIM CUMMINGS
 home: (650) 328-2168
 cell: (650) 207-3609

Information on other SIR golfing events can be found on the SIR State Golf website at www.sirgolf.org.

Ben Gikis, 2024 SIR State Golf Committee Chair

State SIR Golf Newsletter: www.sirgolf.org

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Final Battle of the Bay Bridge Series
 Last Chance to see the Oakland A's hosting SF Giants



SIR Day at the Ball Park
August 18, 2024
Oakland Coliseum-Sunday-1pm

Mail a \$70 check made out to Lee Moy
 Include a return addressed and stamped envelope to:
Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm Ave., Clovis, CA 93612

Tickets will be mailed to you, so please include the
 aforementioned envelope plus your contact info:
 phone number & email address.

Deadline: 8/8/2024

Lee Moy
State SIR Sports

INDOOR BOWLING
 (BRANCHES 5, 35 & 51)



We bowl on a handicap system, so all have an equal chance. Each season teams are revised and always have a mix of players by ability. We meet on **Tuesdays at Homestead Lanes: Homestead and Stelling in Cupertino from 1-3 PM.** Be there by **12.45 PM.** New bowlers are always welcome at any level of experience. If you're new, it's easier if you call me (Bob Taggart) in advance so we will be prepared. Spouses, women friends are welcome – there are now 10 co-ed teams.

YOU CAN JOIN ANYTIME

A ball and shoes are available at the bowling lanes.

Looking for some exercise that does not rely on good weather? Indoor 10-pin bowling is a fun, low-impact bowling skill that comes back after a long lay-off. Many have not bowled since they were youngsters. For more information, contact:

BOB TAGGART (Br 35)
(650) 321-2654

LAWN BOWLING:

Lawn Bowling is available every Friday from 10 AM to noon at the Senior Center in Los Altos. Contact Bob Taggart.

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(650) 321-2654

CYCLING: (SIR Branches 35, 51, others)

For information on the August Ride which is organized by Gordon Chang of Branch 35, please contact Gordon at:
gordy6850@gmail.com

NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:

All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

STATE SIR WEBSITE

www.sirinc.org

Travel Opportunity

**Prague to Budapest River Cruise
November 2024**

Travel News from State SIR is meant as a useful service to all SIRS.

We recognize that for many SIR members or branches it's difficult, if not impossible, to organize a cruise or major travel adventure. Therefore, as a benefit to its members State SIR occasionally organizes cost-effective trips which we will promote and you can sign up and join without the hassle of having to make all the arrangements yourself.

Here is information about a river trip Prague to Budapest 11/6-11/20 2024, discounted by \$1000 if booked by 12/31/23; also pre and post trips are available, see below. I have attached a video at the end. Do not pay attention to those prices in the video the prices I have listed in the email body are correct for SIRS. Along with the group number etc.

This trip has an additional \$1000 off my listed prices if you book by December 31. So act now, If you have any questions call or email Milt Smith State Travel Chair. Br 146, 925-285-2897c miltsmith549@gmail.com

Take a look let us know what you think. We can give you chapter and verse on shipboard life, cabins, weather, air etc. I am sending this to all SIRS statewide, we could get a large group. Also, excellent prices for solo travelers.

Dates: 11/6 thru 11/20

Pre-trip to Dresden and Berlin US departure date: 11/1/24

Pre-trip to Warsaw and Krakow US departure date: 11/1/24

Post-trip to Budapest return date: 11/23/24

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All telephone numbers are in the 650-area code,
except where noted differently.

All changes in address, telephone number, and e-
mail address needs to be reported to the SIR
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“All the news that fits we print”

Anonymous